# Harrington Park Board of Health Minutes of Meeting March 6, 2017

# Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 p.m.

### **President's Announcement:**

In compliance with Chapter 231, the Public Contract Law of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It is being conducted under the provisions of the Sunshine Act and has been properly noticed.

# **Swear In, Signing of Oath of Office**

Mr. Revnaldo Pella

#### Roll Call

Mr. Scott Weiner Mr. John Szweda ~ excused Dr. John Hwang Mrs. Mary Oh Goldstein Mr. Robert Carbognin Mr. Reynaldo Pella

#### Also present:

Louis Apa, Sanitarian, Gail Poling, Town Nurse, Annie Mongelia, Secretary, Councilwoman Laura Fitzgerald.

### Motion to Adopt Minutes from January 9, 2017 Board of Health Meeting:

Motion to adopt the minutes for January 9, 2017 made by Scott Weiner, Seconded by Bob Carbognin. All members in favor; No objection.

#### **Vouchers:**

Town Nurse's voucher, Secretary's voucher

### **Correspondence:**

Immunization Audit Report: Norwood Preschool, for children aged from infancy to 5 years old, with 112 students enrolled, had 100% compliance on their annual immunization audit.

Animal Control from the Bergen County Dept of Health Services patrolled HP 13 times during the month of January. They removed a deer found DOA on Harriot Ave.

On Jan.28, the NJDOH reported a case of confirmed measles in Jersey City, an adult male who traveled internationally. On Jan.31 another confirmed case of measles reported, a 7 month-old unvaccinated infant from Passaic County whom had recent international travel.

An article for the Board of Health has been submitted for publishing in the next issue of the Harrington Park Newsletter to advertise a visit from the Bergen County Board of Senior Services. A representative will be in-house on April 12, 2017 from 9:30am until 12pm to accept applications for Food Stamps (NJ SNAP) and to answer questions pertaining to BCBSS services and programs. Please see Attachment A. Additionally, applications for an Ice Cream Truck Permit are now being accepted for 2017.

# Vote on Resolution 2017 - 1 HP to Host BCBSS on April 12, 2017

Board Vote: All members in favor; No objections.

# **Reports:**

# **Gail Poling, Town Nurse**

- There were two Adult Health Conferences in January and two in February that hosted a total of 22 clients. Town nurse continues to routinely monitor and follow up with one resident, providing reports to the private physician of the resident.
- One referral was made for the Hillsdale Child Health Conference.
- A resident whom receives treatment at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in NYC three times a week is seeking an alternative means of transportation. A referral was offered to contact Bergen County's bus services, or a private ambulance service. The social worker at the hospital was contacted and is looking into the outpatient facility in NJ.
- One reported case of pertussis in February. The resident had attended dialyses at a center on Old Hook Road in Westwood, whom notified the local health department.

# Louis Apa, Sanitarian

- The Norwood Pre-School was sent an application for renewal of their annual license to operate a nursery school.
- Camp Excel's application will be mailed in May, prior to the start of their summer camp.
- Five Food License were renewed for businesses in HP.
- Five Chicken Licenses were renewed for residents in HP.
- To date 70 Cat License have been issued
- Allegro letter issued. The architectural plans for 200 Old Hook Road were reviewed.
   The developer was given guidance on pools and food facilities. A follow up with the developer will occur as plans to build progress.
- Downtown stores: Two stores were closed on La Roche. Presto's is looking to sell.

### **Old Business:**

Bergen County's initiative on Mental Health Stigma Free Zone with Gail Poling, Town Nurse, as Harrington Park's Community Liaison. See attachment B.

# Vote on Resolution 2017 - 2 Mental Health Stigma Free Zone

Board Vote: All members in favor; No objections

Idling Cars. On Feb.14, the Harrington Park Environmental Commission requested a swift-reach message be sent to all residents regarding motor vehicle idling in the vicinity of the school and downtown area. A response from Police Chief Maalouf stated "vehicles may idle lawfully as long as they are occupied. Only unoccupied vehicles, on public property (roadways, etc.), are prohibited from idling." The police department has not received authority from the Board of Education of Harrington Park School as pertaining to Title 39 of the State of New Jersey Motor Vehicle Code. This code governs motor vehicle idling, idling time limitation, penalty for violation, enforcement on private property if authority is granted. Upon discussion the Board deems this topic is not governed by the Board of Health of Harrington Park.

Pet Store Ordinance. Follow-up to a request for action made on Aug.19, 2016. On January 22, 2017 Harrington Park, via Borough Clerk Bistritz, was asked to pass an ordinance that would only allow pet stores to source their puppies from shelters or 501-C-3 rescue groups, to prohibit the sale of commercially bred animals in pet stores. On February 10, 2017 the request was forwarded for discussion and resolution by the Board of Health of Harrington Park to advise Mayor and Council.

### Truncated version of a model ordinance:

Whereas, restricting the retail sale of puppies and kittens to only those that are sourced from shelters or rescue organization is likely to decrease the demand for puppies and kittens bred in puppy and kitten mills, and is likely to increase demand for animals from animal shelters and rescue organizations; and

Whereas, this ordinance will not affect a consumer's ability to obtain a dog or cat of his or her choice directly from a breed specific rescue organization or a shelter, or from a hobby breeder where the consumer can see directly the conditions in which the dogs or cats are bred, or can confer directly with the hobby breeder concerning those conditions;

<u>Section 1. Definitions of:</u> Animal Care Facility, Animal Rescue Organization, Cat, Dog, Offer For Sale, Pet Shop.

# Section 2. Restrictions on the Sale of Animals:

- (1) A pet shop may offer for sale only those dogs and cats that the pet shop has obtained from or displays in cooperation with:
  - (a) An animal care facility; or
  - (b) An animal rescue organization
- (2) A pet shop shall not offer for sale a dog or cat that is younger than eight weeks old.

# Section 3. Severability Standard language

Section 4. Effective Date Standard time frame.

# Board Discussion on Pet Stores: Recommendation to HP Mayor and Council:

Upon discussion and consideration of the topic, the Harrington Park Board of Health deems the topic is not under the jurisdiction of the Board. The State of New Jersey governs health standards.

### **New Business:**

The Harrington Park 5K Fall Spectacular is scheduled for Saturday, Nov.4, 2017. Our Borough Clerk asked if we would consider hosting our annual Rabies Clinic on the same date, at the location. An application for Facilities Usage may need to be filed with the Board of Education of Harrington Park Elementary School, although a section is town property. Upon Board discussion to host the 2017 Rabies Clinic at HP School on 5K, the Board decided to host the Rabies Clinic at its normal location at the Harrington Park DPW. The date to be determined at a later date.

# Ordinance to Ban Wildlife Feeding on Private Property

Councilwoman Walker received a letter from a resident regarding a nuisance caused by a neighbor feeding deer on private property.

Chapter 291 Article IV of the HP Borough Code governs Feeding of Wildlife. <u>SS291-18 Purpose</u>: The purpose of this article is to prohibit the feeding of unconfined wildlife in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the Borough of Harrington Park, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

<u>SS291-20 Prohibited Conduct</u>: No person shall feed, in any public park or on any other property or owned or operated by the Borough of Harrington Park, any wildlife, excluding confined wildlife (for example, wildlife confined to zoos, parks, or rehabilitation centers, or unconfined wildlife at environmental education centers, or feral cats as part of an approved trap-neuter-release program)

Upon discussion the Board of Health voted in favor of drafting an advice for Mayor and Council of Harrington Park on amending Chapter 291 to provide for non-feeding of wildlife on privately owned property.

Public Session: Open to the Public for comments: No Public Present

### **Closed Session**

**Motion to Adjourn** made by Scott Weiner at 8:05pm.

Seconded by Bob Carbognin, with all members in favor to adjourn.

### ATTACHMENT A:



# Harrington Park Board of Health 85 Harriot Avenue Harrington Park, New Jersey 07640 Resolution No. 2017-1 HP BOH to Host BCBSS

WHEREAS, representatives from the Bergen County Department of Health Services, Board of Senior Services attended the September 30, 2015 Mini Health Fair and brought with them information regarding county services for Bergen County residents; and

WHEREAS, many of the residents who came to the Mini Health Fair expressed an interest for more information from Bergen County Board of Senior Services; and

WHEREAS, Harrington Park hosted Bergen County Board of Senior Services twice in 2016; and

WHEREAS, a date of Wednesday, April 12, 2017 has been agreed upon by Harrington Park Board of Health and Bergen County Board of Senior Services; and

WHEREAS, a time of 9:30am until 12pm has been agreed upon for hosting Bergen County Board of Senior Services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of Harrington Park has agreed to advertise the visit to Harrington Park by the Bergen County Board of Senior Services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health, Borough of Harrington Park that it will host Bergen County Board of Senior Services to aid residents with applying for Bergen County services and programs.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was favorably voted upon by the Board of Health, Borough of Harrington Park

Annie Mongelia Board of Health Secretary, Borough of Harrington Park Dr. Howard Lipton President, Board of Health Borough of Harrington Park

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#### ATTACHMENT B:



# Board of Health Borough of Harrington Park Resolution 2017- 2 Mental Health Stigma Free Zone

Resolution to Support Bergen County Stigma Free Campaign

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Board of Health, Borough of Harrington Park hosted a guest speaker from Care Plus NJ, Children's Mobile Response & Stabilization System and HP resident, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Health, Borough of Harrington Park had reviewed the Stigma Free Campaign Municipality Toolkit, and;

WHEREAS, the Town Nurse of the Borough of Harrington Park had attended an evidence based interactive eight hour course on Mental Health First Aid Training in 2015, and;

WHEREAS, recent events has made it evident that it is necessary to link residents in-need to local mental health resources, and;

WHEREAS, the Town Nurse of the Borough of Harrington Park has been acting in the capacity of community liaison for residents in-need and available resources, and;

WHEREAS, resources are available to treat mental health issues so no one resident or their community needs to suffer alone or feel helpless, and;

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Department of Health Services' Division of Mental Health provides services to promote wellness, awareness of mental illness, and decrease stigma, and;

WHEREAS, mental health resources and healthcare providers: Bergen Regional Medical Center, Care Plus, Vantage are available, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health, Borough of Harrington Park to be designated a Stigma Free Zone, to raise awareness of resources available by including information in the borough's website to encourage those in need of assistance and support to seek services from the Bergen County Department of Health Services' Division of Mental Health.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was favorably voted upon by the Board of Health, Borough of Harrington Park

Annie Mongelia

Board of Health Secretary, Borough of Harrington Park

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Dr. Howard Lipton

President

Board of Health